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Tuesday

10-9-62

Dear Mr. Meredith:

I realize your situation at
the present time isn't pleasant.

Take a fools advice don't talk
too much.

I'm sure you will have more
to talk about in years to come.
Why not wait and write a
book as you stay at Ole Miss
after you graduate.

An interested friend

Mississippi

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came from the students in front. Marshals took Meredith out a back door.

The students then turned their attention to an automobile that several federal officials had been using. One official shouted that a car, out of whose tires students let the air, was federal property.

Boos and catcalls rang out. The crowd then dwindled.

Meets with Students.

The Department of Justice, meanwhile, opened its campaign to gain student acceptance of Meredith. Deputy United States

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Attorney General Nicholas Katzenbach met with 200 law students and a smaller group of campus leaders. He indicated that he was pleased with the outcome.

Katzenbach said that he did not ask the students to do anything, but sought to explain and answer questions about the Federal Government's action in breaking segregation barriers at the 114-year-old university.

It was reported that some of the law students peppered Katzenbach with questions critical of him and Attorney General Robert F. Kennedy.

Withdrawing 5900 Troops.

The Army announced today it is pulling 5900 more regular troops out of the Mississippi-Tennessee area.

This brings to 11,300 the number withdrawn by the Army since yesterday.

The 5900 who will start for their home stations by air and truck today have been in Memphis, Tenn., and Columbus, Miss.

The action leaves in the Oxford area 7000 regular Army troops and 3000 Mississippi National Guardsmen called to federal duty when mobs assaulted federal marshals carrying out court orders for admission of Meredith to the university.

In addition, 1000 regular troops remain in Memphis, about 87 miles north of Oxford, and Columbus, site of an air base about 70 miles southeast of Oxford.

In Washington, Senator John Stennis (Dem.), Mississippi, said that he counted 20,370 troops on duty in Oxford as of 10 a.m. Monday. He called this "outrageous." Senator Richard Russell (Dem.), Georgia, joined Stennis in denouncing federal action in Mississippi. Representative Arthur Winstead (Dem.), Mississippi, called on President Kennedy to release all federalized guardsmen immediately.

Stennis called the dispatch of troops to Oxford "a political decision that will backfire." He said that the total of federal troops in the Oxford area had been as high as 25,790.

More Than Grant Had.

Russell, chairman of the Senate Armed Services Committee, said that the number in uniform in Mississippi was "more than Gen. Grant had when he passed through here."

Russell said, "If it takes that many troops to hold Oxford, then it would take about 17,000,000 men to overcome Cuba. Maybe that's why we have been so hesitant about quarantining Cuba."

Senator Thomas Kuchel (Rep.), California, assistant Republican leader, said that President Kennedy "had no other course to take than the one he followed."

In another development, a Greenville (Miss.) firm said that a Philadelphia company, from which it had ordered correspondence forms, informed it that the order would be delayed. Regen Standard Forms, Inc., told the Koestler Tile Co., "It troubles our conscience to do

business with a state that is in rebellion against the Federal Government." The Greenville firm resubmitted the order in Texas.

Charleston (Mo.) High School Ordered to Admit 7 Negroes.

CAPE GIRARDEAU, Mo., Oct. 9 (AP) — United States District Judge James H. Meredith issued a temporary injunction yesterday ordering the Charleston (Mo.) school system to admit seven Negro students to Charleston High School.

The school has had token integration in the junior and senior years for some time, but three of these seven students would be freshmen or sophomores.

They are attending the all-Negro Lincoln High School in Charleston.

Judge Meredith scheduled for Jan. 14 the trial of a suit that would integrate all schools in Charleston, including the grade schools. There is one elementary school with an all-Negro enrollment and four that are all-white.

Congress

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some acceptable compromise on the disputed projects, Congress will be here this weekend.

The pension bill is on the President's desk, awaiting his action by a deadline of Wednesday midnight. If Congress adjourns before that deadline, the President could kill the bill by simply not signing it, a device known as the pocket veto. With Congress in session, the bill would become law automatically if the President did not sign or veto it.

Activity Nearly at Halt.

At the Capitol, legislative activity was down to almost a complete halt.

No business was on the House calendar today because of the death of one of its members, Representative Clem Miller (Dem.), California, who was killed in an airplane accident.

The Senate passed and sent to President Kennedy yesterday a bill directing the Secret Service to provide fulltime protection for the Vice President and authorizing protection for ex-Presidents and Vice Presidents-elect. The Secret Service now is authorized to provide protection for a Vice President only if he requests it.

There was a possibility that the Senate might try to use a relatively minor House-passed bill as the vehicle for a four-month extension of unemployment compensation payments to workers who have used up their benefits. The House Ways and Means Committee has refused to approve a separate bill authorizing the extension.

The House Rules Committee called a meeting today to try to budget a four-billion-dollar measure authorizing hundreds of water control projects that must be financed in future years. The bill has passed both chambers in widely different form. It cannot be sent to a conference committee without approval of the rules group and the House itself. It is a pre-adjournment "must" for members of Congress.

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